

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 193, a resolution designating December 13, 1998, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256—RELATIVE TO PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION AND THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

Mr. BINGAMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 256

Resolved, That (a) S. 2274 entitled "A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico" now pending in the Senate, together with all the accompanying papers, is referred to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

(b) The chief judge shall—

(1) proceed according to the provisions of sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code; and

(2) report back to the Senate, at the earliest practicable date, providing—

(A) such findings of fact and conclusions that are sufficient to inform the Congress of the nature, extent, and character of the claim for compensation referred to in such bill as a legal or equitable claim against the United States or a gratuity; and

(B) the amount, if any, legally or equitably due from the United States to Mr. Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 1998

ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 3066

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 648) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 107(a), after "other than toxic harm" insert the following: "(including any illness caused by exposure to asbestos)".

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

KERREY (AND HAGEL) AMENDMENTS NOS. 3067-3068

Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. HAGEL) submitted two amendments in-

tended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2168) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3067

On page 93, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 423. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR COPPER ACTION LEVEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available by this or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to implement or enforce the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level, until—

(1) the Administrator and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention jointly conduct a study to establish a reliable dose-response relationship for the adverse human health effects that may result from exposure to copper in drinking water, that—

(A) includes an analysis of the health effects that may be experienced by groups within the general population (including infants) that are potentially at greater risk of adverse health effects as the result of the exposure;

(B) is conducted in consultation with interested States;

(C) is based on the best available science and supporting studies that are subject to peer review and conducted in accordance with sound and objective scientific practices; and

(D) is completed not later than 30 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) based on the results of the study and, once peer reviewed and published, the 2 studies of copper in drinking water conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the State of Nebraska and the State of Delaware, the Administrator establishes an action level for the presence of copper in drinking water that protects the public health against reasonably expected adverse effects due to exposure to copper in drinking water.

(b) CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this section precludes a State from implementing or enforcing the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) that are in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level.

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PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 1998

TORRICELLI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3069

(Ordered to lie on the table)

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 648, supra; as follows:

In section 101, after paragraph (9), insert the following:

(9A) FIREARM.—The term "firearm"—

(A) has the meaning given that term in section 921(3) of title 18, United States Code; and

(B) includes any firearm included under the definition of that term under section 5845 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

In the heading of section 102(a)(2)(B), strike "NEGLIGENCE PER SE CONCERNING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION".

In section 102(a)(2)(B), strike clause (ii) and redesignate clause (iii) as clause (ii).